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Summary

This collection contains 38 correspondence written by Lieutenant Russell Knowles, Jr., United States Navy Reserve to his family during the Cold War.

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Mr. & Mrs. Lucille Lando
Dorothy Street
Rehoboth, Massachusetts

March 4, 1962

Dear Family,

I am typing this letter to try to learn how to type so bear with me and excuse the sloppy mess. Actually the fact that I am writing at all should be enough of a surprise so that you will excuse anything. I am afraid that my letter writing has taken a turn for the worse of late. In fact most everything has taken a turn for the worse. It is lucky that at least we now have a successful space program to bouy up my failing spirits.

As of today I am writing to Jennie and breaking our engagement. This is as a result of a letter that she wrote to me telling me that she was confused and mixed up and all that jazz and so I figure it is better to be confused and mixed up while not engaged. I dont know what the whole thing is all about but I have a good idea that the basic problem has to do with the fact that I am so far away and have not been winging my way to her side every weekend to dispel her doubts and fears. This may be a little unfair but I am not in a very fair frame of mind these days. Lets just say that I am unengaged and healthy and very much ready to start school at Monterey. Make sure the word gets out so that no-one will go to any more trouble about the wedding and all the attendant business. As a matter of fact her letter saved me from a horrible few months if your last letter was any real indication of the state of panic at that early date. Well, I have done it again havent I?

The new captain is a fine man ~~as~~ far as being a captain goes so it looks as though the last few months of my tour on the ENERGY will be very pleasant and rewarding. too bad the NAVY had to wait one year before being nice to the ship and me. Right now we are on a campaign to clean up the ship and get it ready for the Seattle Worlds Fair in April. That should be a lot of fun and again it is a nice way to finish out my tour.

Well I must write that letter to my ex fiancée - dont worry I will be very gentlemanly about the whole thing.

Love,
Luis